



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation was extremely scarce across Colorado last week. Most areas did not receive any measurable amounts of rainfall. Temperatures were well-above normal for this time of year. These warm, dry conditions allowed producers 6.6 days suitable for field operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	30	59	4
Last Week	4	25	62	9
Last Year	19	40	39	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	14	38	45	3
Last Week	14	34	47	5
Last Year	13	44	41	2

**Small Grains:** Spring wheat was 95 percent harvested by week's end. Winter wheat was 76 percent seeded and 39 percent emerged with the crop in mostly good condition.

**Row Crops:** The corn crop was 99 percent dented, 64 percent mature, and 16 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Seventy-one percent of the corn silage crop has been harvested. Sorghum was 71 percent mature and 11 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair condition. The dry bean crop was 66 percent cut, 36 percent harvested, and in mostly good condition for the week. Dry onions were 65 percent harvested and the majority of the crop is in good condition. Sugarbeets were 9 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. The sunflower crop is 18 percent harvested and rated in mostly fair to excellent condition. Summer potatoes are 75 percent harvested while fall potatoes were 50 percent by week's end. Both potato crops are in mostly good condition.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 28, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	4	11	31	29	25
Last Year	2	3	17	56	22
Sorghum					
This Week	5	13	40	37	5
Last Year	0	0	21	66	13

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Overall, pasture and range conditions across Colorado increased slightly and are now rated in mostly fair to good condition. Third cutting alfalfa was 85 percent complete while fourth cutting was 17 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly good condition.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle, sheep and lambs were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated at average for this time of year.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 28, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	6	17	49	23	5
Prev. Year – 2007	4	11	40	39	6
5-Year Avg.	9	23	38	27	3

# COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 28, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	95	82	100	99
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	76	58	62	78
Emerged	39	18	28	36
<b>Corn</b>				
Dent	99	94	96	95
Mature	64	52	74	62
Harvested	16	7	12	8
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	71	56	88	82
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Mature	71	55	65	45
Harvested	11	7	11	6
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	66	49	72	83
Harvested	36	28	49	53
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	85	78	89	86
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	17	10	21	26
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	65	55	73	79
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	9	4	12	8
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	18	12	35	15
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	50	35	41	44
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	75	64	63	78

## COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	0	0	31	62	7
<b>Alfalfa</b>	1	8	34	40	17
<b>Dry Onions</b>	0	3	24	54	19
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>	8	8	16	52	16
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	8	9	28	42	13
<b>Dry Beans</b>	2	2	28	53	15
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	2	4	20	44	30
<b>Sunflowers</b>	4	14	33	23	26
<b>Livestock</b>	0	6	18	61	15

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.